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History Department

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1 March 1976

Lt. General Vernon Walters, USA
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

The midshipmen and staff are still talking about your presentation on Wednesday evening. Your remarks were most warmly received and as you perceived from the question period, our students would have liked to continued the dialogue throughout the night. You were most generous to continue your discussions with them until that late hour and my only consideration was your demanding schedule for the next day. From a personal standpoint I stand in admiration of your approach to the recent publicity and concur that our country must look at your agency in terms of its indispensable contribution to security, in the perspective of the uses and practice of intelligence throughout history as well as its use in competing closed societies today.

Lee Martiny had indicated that there was a possibility that you might be willing, at a later date, to place your papers in a repository where they would be made available to scholars and students. I have had discussions with our librarian and he assures me that the United States Naval Academy would be pleased to be the repository of your papers. We are slowly building a collection of the papers of national figures with the emphasis, as would be expected, on naval leaders, but our collection represents a variety of nationally-known persons. I think you might be able to appreciate the serious intent of our students from their questions (bearing in mind that the bulk of your audience was freshmen) and access to your papers would enhance the ability of our more mature students to work in the field of intelligence research. We have a new library, opened only two years ago, with ample space for storage and most of the modern technology for the preservation of documents. We would obviously adhere to any security or personal restrictions you would deem necessary and proper for access to the papers. An advantage of depositing them in the Naval Academy Library would be the proximity to other major repositories in the Washington area such as the National Archives and the Library of Congress as well as the records of the military intelligence agencies.

Again we are in your debt for your stimulating presentation to our students. We are most grateful for the sharing of your time with them in the informal setting following your remarks and they as well as the staff learned much from your remarks. We hope that your busy schedule might permit a return next academic year.

Please call on us when you are in Annapolis visiting with Lee Martiny.

Sincerely,

John W. Huston
JOHN W. HUSTON
Chairman, History Department

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18 December 1975

Mr. John W. Huston
Chairman
History Department
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Annapolis, Maryland 21402

Dear Mr. Houston:

Thank you for your letter proposing a date for me to address the midshipmen. As I indicated to Lt Martiny, it will be a great pleasure to do so.

The program you have outlined in your letter sounds just fine and the 25th of February 1976 is a good date for me. I will put it on my calendar and will await further suggestions from you regarding pertinent topics.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters

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Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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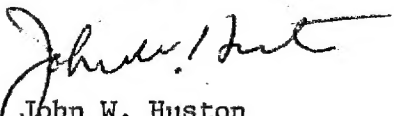
Dear General Walters:

We in the History Department here at the Naval Academy deeply appreciate your kind offer through LT Martiny to speak to our students. I want to apologize for not having proposed a date sooner. We strive to sponsor a wide variety of speakers and feel that your extensive involvement with national security affairs and foreign policy can be of great value to the midshipmen.

If the evening of 25 February is suitable to you, we propose an audience of about 1000 midshipmen and faculty and a program length of about an hour, to include your presentation and a question and answer session. We have, in the past been pleased to entertain our speakers with dinner before and a reception following the presentation and hope that you can be our guest. If agreeable to you, we can work through LT Martiny to work out the details and determine a topic that best fits your interests and those of the midshipmen. If 25 February does not meet your demanding schedule, I am certain we can suggest other dates for your consideration.

Please be in touch if we can answer any questions or be of further assistance to you. We are looking forward to hearing you on 25 February. My phone is, Autovon: 281-2349 or 3803; Commercial: 301-267-2349 or 3803.

Sincerely,


John W. Huston
Chairman, History Department

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